1-6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) In a telecommunications system providing communication channels for the transmission of packets of audio data between system stations, a method for minimizing the effect of required generated background noise on the transmission channel utilization comprising:

forming a transmission stream of sequential digital audio data packets;

associating with each audio packet, a data code representation of an Additive Gaussian White Noise (AGWN) payload data packet enabling the generation of said background noise;

forming the represented Additive Gaussian White Noise (AGWN) payload data packet enabling said generation of background noise responsive to the receipt of each of said data representations at a system receiving station;

interspersing said formed Additive Gaussian White Noise (AGWN) payload packets enabling background noise generation between said associated audio data packets at said receiving station; and

generating said background noise between said audio data packets, at said receiving station, responsive to said enabling AGWN payload packets.

8. (original) The telecommunication method of claim 7 wherein said audio data packets are voice data packets.

9-10. (cancelled).

11. (previously presented) The telecommunication method of claim 8 wherein said data code representation includes data representing the duration and amplitude of said AGWN packet.

12-19. (cancelled).

20. (previously presented) The telecommunications method of claim 7 wherein:

said system is an Internet Protocol (IP) telecommunications system; and

further including the step of interspersing Internet page packets into said transmitted stream whereby said Internet page packets are sequenced in the spaces between voice packets conventionally occupied by AGWN packets.

21-25. (cancelled).